

*REMARKS**Summary of Interview*

Applicants thank Examiner Solola for the courtesy extended to their agent, Jeremy Jay, during a personal interview held on May 2, 2005. The substance of the interview was discussion of the prior art of record with reference to independent claims 1 and 17, but an agreement was not reached. The Examiner maintains that the selection of a nitrogen protecting group is an obvious modification available to the skilled artisan.

*The Invention*

The present invention pertains to a process for the preparation of an intermediate useful for preparing kifunensine. The invention also relates to a process for preparing kifunensine.

*The Pending Claims*

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4-9, and 11-17 will be pending. Claims 1 and 4-9 are directed to a process for preparing a compound of formula I. Claims 11-17 are directed to a process for preparing kifunensine.

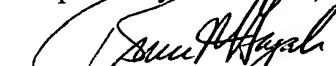
*Amendments to the Claims*

Claims 10 and 18 have been canceled to place the application in better condition for Appeal. Claim 11 has been amended to remove dependency on a canceled claim. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

*Conclusion*

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.191(a), applicants concurrently file herewith a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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